

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the abstract on page 262 with the following amended paragraph:

~~(1) A liquid crystal display element including a liquid crystal layer including liquid crystal contained between a pair of substrates and exhibiting a cholesteric phase, wherein an orientation film is arranged on at least one of the paired substrates, and is in contact with the liquid crystal layer, and liquid crystal molecular orientation processing for portions of each orientation film corresponding to pixel regions are effected in a manner different from that effected on at least a portion of a portion corresponding to non-pixel region of the orientation film on at least one of the substrates.~~

(2) A liquid crystal light modulation element ~~including~~ includes a liquid crystal layer ~~[[held]]~~ between a pair of substrate first and second substrates, and ~~including~~ The liquid crystal layer includes a liquid crystal material exhibiting a cholesteric phase ~~in a room temperature and having a peak [[of a]] selective reflection wavelength in a visible wavelength range, range, wherein~~ When the liquid crystal layer is in the selective reflection state ~~has state, it has~~ pixel regions ~~neighboring to near the opposite substrates, respectively, first and second substrates, and~~ The liquid crystal domains in the pixel regions neighboring to near at least one of the substrates first substrate are in a mixed state of [[a]] polydomain [[state]] and [[a]] monodomain state- states. The liquid crystal domains in the pixel regions near the first substrate have a first ratio between the liquid crystal domains taking the polydomain and monodomain states. The liquid crystal domains in the pixel regions near the second substrate have a second ratio between the liquid crystal domains taking the polydomain and monodomain states. The first ratio is different from the second ratio.